maintenance but their use is not proper from the security point of view; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Sarin Committee recommended acceleration of the pace of track renewals, replacement of overaged coaches and wagons and strengthening of distressed bridges to ensure safety and better operating performance.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) The pace of track renewals has been stepped up as may be seen from the following statement:

S. No.	Year	Track renewal carried out (Kms)
1.	1984-85	2745
2.	1985-86	3578
3.	1986-87	3978
4.	1987-88	4540

It is proposed to wipe out all the arrears of track renewals by the end of 8th Five Year Plan subject to the availability of funds. Regarding bridges there were about 2200 distressed bridges identified during the year 1982. On 1.4.88 this number has got reduced to 913.

Non-Inclusion of ATS under drug price control order

2009. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to non-inclusion of ATS under price control, the prices of 750 IU has gone up by 141 per cent and of 1500 IU by 161 per cent after announcement of the DPCO, despite Government's intervention;

(b) whether according to the measures announced in December, 1986, this injection was to be under price control;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had recommended these drugs for price control but the department of Chemicals did not accept the recommendation;

(d) whether, according to policy decision, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is the only authority to identify drugs for price control under Category I;

(e) if so, whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has taken any action, keeping to view the policy decision and consumers' interests; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (f) The subject matter of the Question is the concern of Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals, Ministry of Industry Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now Papers to be laid on the Table.

National Airports Authority (Lost Property) Regulations, 1988

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): Sir, on behalf of Shri Shivraj Patil, I beg to lay on the Table, under section 40 of the National Airports Authority Act, 1985, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the

Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism Notification No. SEC: 9.2.12 dated the 28th April, 1988, publishing the National Airports Authority (Lost Property) Regulations, 1988. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—6368|88]

I. Report and Accounts (1983-84) of the Central Institute of Buddhist studies, Leh and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1986-87) of the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Varanasi and related papers.

III. Report (1986-87) of the Banaras Hindu University and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report of the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh, for the year 1983-84.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Institute.

(c) Annual Accounts of the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh, for the years 1982-83 and 1983-84 and the Audit Report thereon.

(d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (c) above. [Placed in Library [*See* No. LT—6387|88 for (a) to (d)].

(ii) (a) Tenth Annual Report of the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Varanasi, for the year 1986-87.

(b) Annual Accounts of the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Varanasi, for the year 1986-87 and the Audit Report thereon.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the Institute.

(d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) and (b) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—6386|88 for (a) to (d)

(iii) (a) Annual Report of the Banaras Hindu University for the year 1986-87.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the University.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—6385|88 for (a) to (c)].

RESIGNATION BY A MEMBER

SHRI P. N. SUKUL (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, through you I want to inform the House that Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde has just resigned from the Chief Ministership.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): He has been forced to resign.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): If it is true, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi should emulate him.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please keep quiet. I have to inform Members that I have received a letter from Prof. N. M. Kamble, a Member representing the State of Maharashtra, resigning his seat in Rajya Sabha. I have accepted his resignation with effect from 9th August, 1988.